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Hello,
I took a crack at drafting a FRN after looking at the website. It looks different from an NOI, so I followed the format that was on the website. Take a look at it and give me some feedback, please!
Thanks,
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"Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom" - Viktor E Frankl

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Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument
Livestock Grazing EIS

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Summary:
The US Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM) has prepared this draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Livestock Grazing Management Plan Amendment (MMP A). It is a guide for managing BLM lands in GSENM, as well as lands for which GSENM has administrative responsibility for livestock grazing, specifically portions of the BLM's Kanab and Arizona Strip Field Offices and National Park Service (NPS) managed lands in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Glen Canyon).

Dates:
Interested persons may submit written comments to the BLM at the address listed below on or before month day, year

Addresses:
Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Headquarters, 669 South Highway 89 A Kanab, UT 8474. Detailed information concerning this document is available for review at this address.

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Matthew Betenson, Associate Monument Manager, at (435) 644 1200, by email at mbetenso@blm.gov, or at the following address: Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Headquarters, 669 South Highway 89 A Kanab, UT 84741. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1 800 877 8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or questions with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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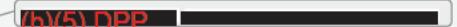
Supplementary Information:
Public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are managed under land use plans, which require periodic updating. The BLM is required to "develop, maintain, and when appropriate, revise land use plans" (43 USC, Section 1712[a]). The BLM has determined that the existing Monument Management Plan (MMP) needs to be updated and amended to integrate livestock grazing and rangeland management with the management of GSENM resources. In making these livestock grazing decisions, the BLM will consider objects identified in Presidential Proclamation 6920 of September 1996 and the principles of multiple use and sustained yield embodied in the FLPMA and the Taylor Grazing Act.

The planning area encompasses approximately 2,316,100 acres in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah, and Coconino County, Arizona. The planning area includes all BLM managed lands in GSENM and BLM and NPS managed lands for which GSENM has livestock grazing administration responsibility. This includes lands in portions of the BLM's Kanab and Arizona Strip Field Offices and NPS managed lands in Glen Canyon.

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This MMP A has been prepared using BLM planning regulations and guidance issued under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 US Code [USC], Section 1701 et seq.) and the BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook, H 1601 1 (BLM 2005), as amended. An EIS is incorporated into this document to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 1508), DOI NEPA regulations (43 CFR, Part 46), and the requirements of the BLM's NEPA Handbook, H 1790 1 (BLM 2008a).

Pursuant to NEPA implementing regulation 40 CFR 1501.7, the notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for the proposed project was published in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 2013 (78 FR 66064 66065). The publication of the NOI initiated the public scoping comment period that concluded on January 13, 2014.

The BLM is the Lead Federal Agency for the NEPA analysis process and preparation of the EIS. Printed and electronic copies of the Draft EIS are available at the GSENM Headquarters Office and electronically, on the National ePlanning NEPA Register at https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl_front_office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=69026.

This MMP A is needed to integrate livestock grazing and rangeland management into the existing MMP. It also provides for the comprehensive, science based management of livestock grazing that enables multiple use/sustained yield of renewable resources through improved land health. Land use plan decisions are needed to identify the lands available for livestock grazing, the amount of forage available for livestock, and possible grazing management practices, such as grazing systems, range improvements (including land treatments), seasons of use, and stocking rates (BLM 2005). Updated land use plan decisions for livestock grazing are also needed to incorporate new information and the many changes that have occurred since the 1980s. Livestock grazing decisions for GSENM must follow Proclamation 6920, which created the National Monument. The purposes of this MMP A are as follows:

- Establish goals and objectives for livestock grazing and rangeland management

- Establish broad scale decisions that set the stage for site specific implementation decisions, such as timing (season of use), duration (length of time), frequency of livestock grazing (how often), and magnitude (number of animal unit months (AUMs)) of livestock grazing
- Identify where grazing uses are allowed, restricted, or prohibited (i.e., available or unavailable for livestock grazing)
- Identify grazing management practices
- Provide the land use plan level decisions needed to integrate livestock and rangeland management with the management of GSENM objects and other resources.

For the decision area in Glen Canyon, the MMP A ensures that the BLM's administration of grazing permits protects the park resources and values of Glen Canyon in accordance with the NPS Organic Act of 1916 (54 USC, Section 100101). It provides that the BLM accomplish the goals and objectives defined in the 1979 Glen Canyon National Recreation Area General Management Plan (GMP), the GzMP, and other applicable land use plans. These goals and objectives are in place to protect park resources and to avoid unacceptable impacts or impairment. The purposes for Glen Canyon are the same as those for GSENM, with decisions to be made by the NPS in accordance with applicable laws and policy.

Please submit all comments in writing to Cynthia Staszak at the address listed above. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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